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ANNUAL THEME PACKET

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# Welcome

Genesis 1:27 says, “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” There is much we can learn about ourselves from the beginning of Genesis. When God created humans, three noteworthy things stand out. The first is that God created us. This is very foundational to our understanding as believers. There was purpose in our creation. Secondly, God created us in His image. When we look at a photo, we see an image, a picture. This verse doesn’t just refer to a physical creation, but to God’s likeness and resemblance. We are more than just an image, we carry God’s identity within us. All of creation displays God’s design, but humans are made to bear the likeness of God. He created us to declare; He created us to carry His identity! Lastly, God created us to be male or female. He created us with distinct characteristics and purposes to serve that are unique to males and females. All of what God creates is on purpose and for a purpose. There are no accidents with God!

Every day the importance of gender-based discipleship becomes more and more evident. Men and women were created, not only on purpose and for a purpose, but in the same image as God! When we allow this truth to take hold in our lives and the lives of our girls, we become more and more the person God created us to be! We are God’s work, God’s image, and have God’s distinction.

This year’s theme, *Shine Bright*, encourages and inspires girls to be the light of Jesus in this dark world. In John 8:12 Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

When girls understand they were made by God, in His image, and have purpose in their lives, they don’t have to be afraid to shine bright for all the world!

This packet will give you resources and ideas to equip your girls. Here are just a few of the items included:

- Devotions and activities for elementary and teen girls
- Girls Ministries Spirit Week ideas
- Ideas for using the theme throughout the year
- And much more!

As leaders, you have been called to influence girls to live a life that is empowered by the Holy Spirit. As each girl experiences and relies on His power, she will walk in the fullness of the calling that He has placed in her. Imagine the influence these girls will have on the world when they realize they can shine bright with the help of the Holy Spirit! This year let’s be committed to helping girls shine bright!

*With love,*

National Girls Ministries team

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John 8:12 (NIV)



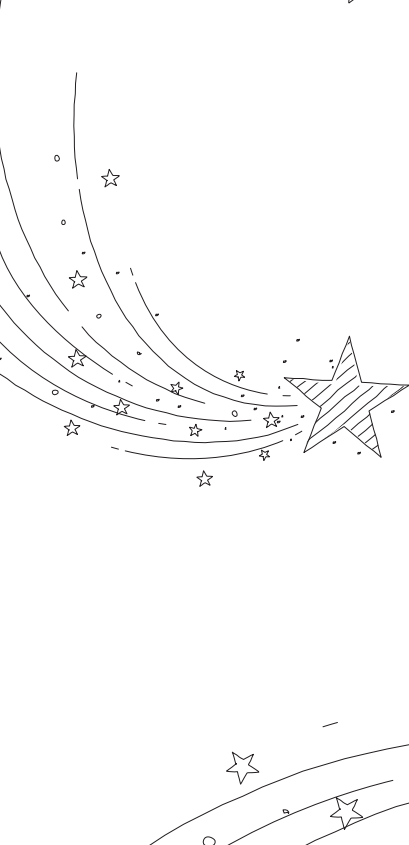
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JOHN 8:12  
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# Elementary Girl Devotion



What if you were told to “shine bright,” what would you think it meant? Would you go wrap yourself in Christmas lights or paint your clothes with glow-in-the-dark paint? Would you think you needed to be a famous actor or singer so that the whole world would know who you are and think you’re talented? No, that’s not the kind of light we want to be.

You are to be a light for Jesus! When you ask Jesus to come into your life and to forgive your sins (choices that go against God’s Word), you let the light of Jesus into your life. All the guilty feelings over your past bad choices can go away, just like the darkness goes away when you turn on a light.

When you ask Jesus to be a part of your life, He changes you from the inside out. As you spend time reading your Bible and praying, the Holy Spirit begins to work in your heart. You can see this truth in Romans 8:5 where it says, “Those who live according to the flesh (their own wants and desires) have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds

set on what the Spirit desires.” When we are reading God’s word and spending time in prayer, our minds begin to focus on what the Spirit wants for us.

Once this happens, others around you will see a change in your life. In the Bible John 8:12 (NIV), Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” So, when you are asked to “shine bright,” you are being asked to share the light of Jesus with those around you! You can use your words, actions, gifts, and talents to tell other people how awesome our Jesus is! People around you will notice that you are God’s girl and that you shine bright for Him! Share the light of life with those around you!

## Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to “shine bright”?
2. How does Jesus get rid of the darkness in people’s lives?
3. How can you use your gifts and talents to be a light?

# Elementary Girl Activity

Draw a picture of you using your gifts and talents to share the light of Jesus!





# Teen Girl Devotion

Imagine that you are home alone at night during a storm. The power goes out and you are left in darkness, trying to fumble around and not run into the furniture or walls. To make matters worse, your cell phone isn't charged so you can't call and check in with your parents, siblings, or friends. As you navigate your home, you are searching for one thing: a source of light.

Many people feel lost, alone, and frightened as they go about their everyday lives. They tend to worry and make bad choices. They might feel as if there is no hope for them. They may even pretend to be happy, but deep inside, they are in darkness.

John 8:12 holds good news for those who feel trapped. In this verse, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

As a Christian, you are called to bring the light of Jesus to those who don't know Him. Don't be afraid to be bold in your faith by asking a friend if you can pray with them when they are going through a difficult time. Share God's word with them to encourage them!

God has given all believers the power to share His light with those around us. You can see this in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." It is the power of the Holy Spirit through us that helps us to be bold to shine bright and make a difference to those who are living in darkness!

## Discussion Questions

1. Who do you want to bring the light of Jesus to?
2. What effects of "living in darkness" do you see in the lives of those close to you who don't have a relationship with Jesus?
3. How important is it to bring the light of Jesus to those who don't have a relationship with Him? Why?





# Teen Girl Activity

In the space below, share ways that you could use the light of Jesus to shine bright. Then pick one and draw yourself using that gift or write about it.

Ways to Shine Bright:

Describe How:

# Ways to Use the Annual Theme

## Why should you use the annual theme at your church?

As you incorporate this year's theme, "Shine Bright," into your ministry to girls this year, you will join others across the country who are intentionally encouraging and inspiring girls to be the light of Jesus in a dark world. With a common focus, we invade the darkness all around us to see the light change the lives of girls and empower them to reach the lost.

## How can you use the annual theme in your church?

### • To Train and Inspire Leaders

Use this year's theme, "Shine Bright," to encourage those who minister to girls to shine bright for Jesus and empower the girls in their ministries at your next training session or retreat. Make the devotions, activity pages, and resources available for them to take with them.

### • To Inspire Girls

Use the theme at your next girls' event by using the devotions, activity pages, and resources, and adding games, crafts, or other activities. You might consider playing Flashlight Tag, hosting a glow-in-the-dark puppet show, or making your own candles.

### • To Celebrate and Empower Girls

Use the "Shine Bright" theme for your next Girls Ministries Celebration or other awards night associated with ministry to girls. Have girls share how your church's ministries are inspiring them to be a light in a dark world, and have a respected church leader or pastor deliver one of the devotions.

### • To Celebrate and Raise Awareness of Your Ministry

Use the theme to celebrate National Girls Ministries Week! Your girls will be excited and feel special, and your church and community will be made aware of Girls Ministries and be inspired to pray, help, or give toward reaching girls for Christ.



# Planning Girls Ministries Week

Check with your pastor to see if you can arrange a Girls Ministries service. Discuss the options of doing a short spotlight, hosting a special time of prayer for the ministry, or dedicating a whole service led by girls and leaders. Plan to receive an offering for Coins for Kids or Girls Ministries. To find the CFK packet, Visit [ngm.ag.org/CFK](https://ngm.ag.org/CFK).

If a service featuring Girls Ministries is not an option, consider setting up a table in the church foyer with information and materials about your ministry to girls.

## 1 Month Before

If you have your pastor's approval, arrange for a speaker for your Girls Ministries service. Provide your speaker with the theme verse, John 8:12 and the theme. You may want to prepare to use the *Girls Ministries Promotional Video* as well.

Ask the leaders and girls in your ministry to begin to pray daily for the service. Pray that God would lead the service and bless the offerings given. Plan all the elements of the service and hold practices for those taking part.

## 2 Weeks Before

Continue to pray with your girls and leaders for the service. Ask for God's anointing on everything that will be said or done.

Display the National Girls Ministries Week Poster. Have the girls create or decorate offering containers. Designate who will be involved in receiving the offering and participating in other elements of the service.

Hand out flyers, send texts, or take to social media to encourage girls to participate in Girls Ministries Spirit Week.

## Day of the Service

Allow girls to serve as greeters, ushers, worship leaders, etc. Encourage girls to shine bright by using their gifts and talents to minister in the service.

## After National Girls Ministries Week Is Over



Mail the completed form on page 16, along with your offering to

**National Girls Ministries Department, 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802.**

To submit your offering online, go to: <https://ngm.ag.org/>



Email us with any comments, suggestions, and pictures at [ngm@ag.org](mailto:ngm@ag.org) or post on social media using #NGMweek.

\*Items in *italics* are available for download at [ngm.ag.org](https://ngm.ag.org)

# Girls Ministries Week

## with Prayer Focus

### Serve Sunday

*Find a way to serve at your church and help someone else in need.*

#### Prayer Focus:

Pray for those who serve your church. Lift up your pastors, deacons, and leaders.

#### Pray that:

- God would bless them and keep them safe.
- The Holy Spirit would lead them and give them a vision and help them know how to lead in church.
- They would be given wisdom to lead those who serve alongside them.

### Time Out Tuesday

*Take time to pray for your friends who do not yet know Jesus.*

#### Prayer Focus:

Intercede on behalf of your friends and family who don't have a relationship with Jesus.

#### Pray that:

- The Holy Spirit would soften their hearts and draw them into the church.
- They would make a true commitment to Christ and begin to follow God's Word.
- The plans of the enemy to keep them in sin would fail.

### Impact Monday

*Invite a girl to your girls' group and make an impact in her world!*

#### Prayer Focus:

Pray for girls in your community.

#### Pray that:

- God would use you to reach girls in your community.
- God would bring healing to hurting girls and their families.
- God would use your church to bring hope to girls in your area.

### Pride Wear Wednesday

*Wear a Girls Ministries club shirt or a shirt with your church's name on it during the day.*

#### Prayer Focus:

Pray for your Girls Ministries leaders and all those who invest in girls at your church.

#### Pray that:

- They would be given wisdom and favor.
- They would lead many girls to Christ.
- Their homes and families would be blessed.

# Girls Ministries Week

## with Prayer Focus

### Thankful Thursday

*Show someone (parent, teacher, pastor) how thankful you are for all they do for others.*

#### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray for girls around the world.

#### **Pray that:**

- God would provide for the needs of girls who have very little.
- The millions of orphans around the world would be placed with forever families.
- God would raise up women among national churches to invest in the next generation of powerful, praying women of God.

### Share-a-Smile Saturday

*Do your best to wear a BIG smile all day and let others know that Jesus loves them.*

#### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray for our Coins for Kids Project.

#### **Pray that:**

- God would anoint and empower the missionaries, pastors, and leaders.
- The money needed for the project would be completely raised.
- God would transform the lives of children in other countries.

### Friendly Friday

*Make a new friend and invite her to a girls' event at your church.*

#### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray for God's voice to be heard.

#### **Pray that:**

- Girls hear God's voice in regards to their value and purpose.
- Leaders listen to His voice and allow themselves to be used in the gifts of the Spirit.
- Girls respond to God's voice drawing them and commit their lives to Christ.

# Nationwide Event

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The Nationwide Girls Ministries Event, Shine Bright: Glow Party, encourages and inspires girls to be the light of Jesus in this dark world. In John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." When girls understand they were made by God, in His image, and have purpose in their lives, they don't have to be afraid to shine bright for all the world!

As always, a segment of our nationwide event will include giving to a special Coins for Kids missions project, Mission Argentina. Through our project, we are raising money to allow missionaries to create a place that will help kids and give them a chance for an even brighter future! Visit [ngm.ag.org](http://ngm.ag.org) for more details!



# Annual Theme Products



For more information, ask a parent to go to **MyHealthyChurch.com**

Images are enlarged to show details.

# Girls Ministries Offering

The National Girls Ministries Department guides the overall vision and direction of Girls Ministries. Our mission statement is threefold:

1. To provide effective discipleship tools and support to districts and local churches
2. To enable leaders to accomplish the fivefold purpose through women mentoring girls
3. To believe God for a harvest of girls—fulfilling His perfect plan for their lives

The annual National Girls Ministries Week offering, collected during the National Girls Ministries Week service, assists the national department in fulfilling this mission statement.

The National Girls Ministries staff provides field ministry, develops new materials and products, provides training and leadership materials, processes training certificates, and processes orders for materials and offerings for national projects.

The annual offering taken during National Girls Ministries Week in the local churches is a means of support for the national department. Your generosity helps cover administrative costs and enables us to continue to provide quality materials and services to more than 200,000 girls and sponsors involved in the Girls Ministries program. The National Girls Ministries Department thanks each one who participates in this offering, and we pledge ourselves to be faithful to our mission of enabling leaders to disciple girls.



***YOUR GENEROSITY HELPS COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND ENABLES US  
TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE QUALITY MATERIALS AND SERVICES.***

Here is our offering for the support of the nationwide ministry to girls.

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (279051-0200469) Church Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Give online at: <https://giving.ag.org/>**

Please make checks payable to National Girls Ministries and mail to:  
**1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802**





What do you want to be when you grow up? There are so many options that it might even be hard for you to choose!

Unfortunately, some kids live in places where there aren't as many opportunities. That's why Coins for Kids is raising money for Mission Argentina this year: to allow missionaries to create a place that will help kids and give them a chance for an even brighter future!

When you give, your spare change will go to build a community center called a Plaza, where children and families can visit and benefit from:

- Life-skill lessons
- Tutoring
- Prayer, devotions, and fellowship

Your Coins for Kids offering will give kids in Argentina an opportunity to achieve their dreams!



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KIDS**

#### Coins for Kids Bracelet

These bracelets will get everyone excited about the 2019 Coins for Kids project, Mission Argentina. Yellow adult-size silicone wristband featuring Mission Argentina debossed logo. Pack of 10. 8 x 1/2"

17MW8045 \$4.99



#### Coins for Kids Promo Card

Promo card explaining the 2019 project, Mission Argentina. 4 x 9"

73MW493 FREE

#### Coins for Kids Offering Box

Give these out to your girls and encourage them to fill them with money for Coins for Kids and turn them in during the year.

73MT4943 FREE

